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SUBJECT: IRAN SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

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1. HEW/SSA DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO USE TRUST FUND (ALL SSA PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS ARE PART OF SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND.) FOR FINANCING OVERSEAS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT (SECTION 201 SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 42 USC 401). TYPE OF SURVEY ENVISAGED FOR MINISTRY SOCIAL WELFARE REQUIRES USING PERSONNEL FROM U.S. PROGRAMS, WHICH CAN ONLY BE DONE IF USG REIMBURSED FOR TOTAL COST (I.E., SALARY AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS) FOR PERIOD THEY ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK ON DOMESTIC PROGRAMS. FYI: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN SECTION 659 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT FOR FUNDING SURVEY TRIPS IN RELATION TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT WE CANNOT NOW PREDICT
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WHAT GUIDELINES FOR USE OF FUNDS WILL APPLY. END FYI.

2. PROPOSED SURVEY IS AT REQUEST AND FOR BENEFIT OF GOI.
USG WOULD DERIVE NO TANGIBLE BENEFIT FROM CONDUCTING SURVEY
THAT WOULD COMPENSATE FOR COSTS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO

IT. WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE THAT GOI PAY FULL COSTS AS
IT WOULD IF IT HIRED PRIVATE CONSULTING FIRM. PRECEDENT
IS ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED IN MILITARY PROGRAMS FOR PAY-
MENT OF FULL COSTS FOR SURVEY TEAMS AND ADVISERS PROVIDED
UNDER FMS CASES.

3. IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SORT OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY GOI UNDER JOINT COMMISSION OR OTHER
AEGIS, WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY OF
PROGRAM WITH CONGRESS, WHICH IS ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE TO
ALL OUR ACTIVITIES WITH OPEC COUNTRIES AND UNHAPPY WITH
ANYTHING SUGGESTIVE OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM THAT IS NOT
COMPLETELY REIMBURSED. FULL REIMBURSEMENT BY IRAN FOR
SERVICES RENDERED ALSO ACCORDS WITH IRANIAN DESIRE TO BE
REGARDED AS FULL EQUAL IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO
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